

rest of the state are so powerful in opposition to municipalization that this modern method of city development cannot be adopted by the people, if they desire to adopt it, then the sooner we define and face this practical defiance of democratic government, the better.

"I am not disposed to be stampeded by the melancholy refrain being unusually emphasized just now about bad service, the responsibility for which, as I see it, lies in no small part at the gates of the local transportation committee. I should like to see as much zeal and pressure for wholly practicable service improvements as is being exercised toward the granting of a new franchise.

"The proposed bill represents a continuation of the franchise policy. It raises a basic question as to whether, in dealing with our transportation problem, we should continue the franchise policy or adopt the policy of municipalization."

#### —o—o— **SAFEBLOWERS CRACK THREE "BOXES"—ONE IN SUB-STATION**

Safeblowers whirled through the city last night in gay abandon and blew three safes before they were through. One of the jobs will interest the federal gov't; it was a postal sub-station safe.

H. H. Kohlsaat & Co.'s bakery, 12 E. 18th st., was first visited. There the safe yielded \$600.

Sub-postal station No. 264, located in the drug store of R. A. Shapiro, 1259 W. 12th, was next. The safe was dragged from the front of the store to the rear, where the gang could work more comfortably, and there blown open, \$51 in stamps and \$35 of Shapiro's money being taken. They neglected a kit of brand-new tools in their flight.

The safe in the office of the Bryant Electric Co., 223 W. Jackson, added \$76 in cash and \$21 in stamps to the proceeds of the night.

After that the gang went home and to bed.

#### **FLYING SQUAD GET BANDITS AFTER SENSATIONAL CHASE**

Flying squad of detective bureau displayed skill in capturing auto bandits who robbed man of \$2.50 at California and Flournoy, Sunday.

The victim reported the hold-up to Warren av. police station and the description was sent to detective bureau. Sleuths set out to locate the bandits. At Sacramento and Harrison the auto was sighted going east on Harrison. A chase followed for a few blocks. The bandits went over a curbstone, along the sidewalk and on down the street again. The chase was resumed.

Lieut. Mooney and his riflemen rammed into the auto bandits' car at Irving and Polk st., breaking down the rear wheels. Several shots were fired by the bandits. No one was injured. All taken to bureau, where they gave the names of Frank Ford, Dan Walsh, Darius Dickens, Thomas Higgins and William White. In White's pocket was found 75 cartridges. He claimed to have met the other men in the parlor of Frank Hurley, Kedzie and Flournoy, where they made their plans.

One of the prisoners admitted having tried to hold up a Harrison street car at Central av.

#### —o—o— **SAFE BLOWING SQUAD—LATEST!**

Something new in police business was promised by Chief of Police Herman Schuettler today when he organized a "safe-blowing squad." This squad will not spend its time blowing safes, as its name might indicate. It will be sent out to rid the city of a certain class of citizens who have the discouraging habit of prowling at night with a tube of nitroglycerin or a stick of dynamite in their clothes.

Lieut. James Larkin of the detective bureau will boss the new squad. It was organized to offset the increasing number of safe-blowings in the past month. One theory is that Chicago has been made the home of an experienced gang of crackmen.